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Redeemer College One Step Closer to B.A.

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Redeemer College is now very close to an answer on the question of whether or not it will receive full accreditation from the Ontario Government. The ability to grant a B.A. is the most important objective for the university. This recognition will also allow it to participate in many aspects of higher education on the Provincial level.

In November, 1989, a study committee of the Ontario Council on University Affairs released a discussion paper which deals with allowing institutions like Redeemer College to apply for regular degree granting powers.

Redeemer's first reaction to the white paper was negative because the study committee advised against including any institution employing a "religious test". This changed, however, when the administration discovered the same phrase in the Charter of Wilfrid Laurier University of Waterloo, Ontario and what this phrase means.

According to Vice-President Academic, Dr. Justin Cooper, the phrase is aimed at institutions with a denominational bias. The committee fears true academic freedom would not be present in institutions which require faculty and staff to belong to a specific denomination.

However, Redeemer has never positioned itself as a "denominational college" and therefore does not feel threatened by this condition.

Unofficially, Redeemer has been informed that the Council of Ontario Universities will not oppose accrediting private institutions provided they receive no Provincial funding and undergo an external review to ensure academic standards.

Later this spring, the advisory committee will submit its report to the Minister of Colleges and Universities. At this time it is hoped that he will direct his ministry to draft legislation to allow institutions like Redeemer to seek regular degree granting powers.

Taking a "cautiously optimistic" stance, Dr. Cooper expects the Class of 1992 to receive the first official Bachelor's Degrees.

New Coat of Arms Presented

At the fall convocation on September 9th, Redeemer College received a grant of arms from the Canadian Heraldic Authority in Ottawa on behalf of the Crown, and Her Excellency, the Governor General.

Redeemer College is one of the first academic institutions in Canada to have its coat-of-arms granted through the new Canadian office of the Heraldic Authority. The former process required Canadians to apply to Her Majesty's heraldic offices in London or Edinburgh.

The hand-painted document called 'Letters Patent', depicting the coat-of-arms, and portions of the text of the Charter, has been

entered into the Public Register of arms, flags, and badges of Canada.

The coat-of-arms was designed eight years ago by The Reverend Canon Ralph Spence, a fellow of the College of Heraldry in Great Britain.



Redeemer's new Coat of Arms

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In Short**\$1 Million Lopped from Capital Debt!**

Thanks to gifts received from the current LIFT Campaign, Redeemer College was able to pay down its bank loans by one million dollars to \$4.8 million.

If it weren't for the large bank debt Redeemer must service, the university would be self sufficient, relying only on tuition and annual donations for support.

To date, the Campaign, which began in August, has raised over \$6 million for several purposes at the university. The LIFT Campaign will seek another \$2 million for capital debt reduction over the next five years.

Will the youth of today prevail over the experience of yesterday?

***Alumni / Royals Ladies
Volleyball!
&
Alumni / Royals Hockey!***

Saturday, March 31, 1990

**Volleyball - 4:00 p.m.
Redeemer College Gymnasium**

**Hockey - 7:00 p.m.
Spring Valley Arena
Spring Valley Rd, Ancaster, Ontario
Just off Wilson St. West of the Zehrs Plaza**

Be sure to come out and witness past Redeemer sports greats do battle with this year's varsity teams. Will experience prevail over youth? Come on out and discover for yourself.

***Stand up reception at the College
5:00 p.m.***

***Bring your skates!
Public skating following hockey***

The Editor's Workbench

Greetings fellow Alum!

Remember the Recreation Facility fee? It is the \$100 fee designated for a swimming pool or another recreational facility which students began paying in 1986.

Ground breaking for the pool was supposed to take place as soon as the new campus was completed, however because of the large annual deficits incurred by the university, this was never realized.

Several studies on the feasibility of a pool or arena have been conducted by both the university and the Student Senate since the completion of the campus. The conclusion of each has been that such a facility is impractical at this point in time.

So what about the money, you ask? Well, I'm just getting

to that.

This past October, students at Redeemer College decided that, retroactive to September, all of their Recreation Facility Fees would be designated to the LIFT Campaign. This will continue to be the case through the 1994 academic year.

The university has assured students that recreation/athletic facilities will be a part of the next campaign to follow immediately after the current one. The university has also promised to match their giving in the form of a grant before construction begins.

The proceeds (expected to be about \$200,000) will go toward expansion of the Library and its services.

I think the Student Senate and student body of the university have made a wise

decision. All of us know of the shortcomings of the Redeemer Library despite the hard work of Librarian Dan Savage and his staff.

Since the students made this decision, the Alumni Board has been thinking about doing something similar with the Alumni's share of this fund. We are hoping to deal with this before the end of the academic year. But we need your help to do it.

Just as students gave input into their Senate's decision, we need your input for ours. If you have comments or questions on designating our portion of the Recreation fund send them to us care of the Redeemer College Alumni Office, Redeemer College, Ancaster ON L9G 3N6

Employment Opportunities

Redeemer College is accepting applications for the following full-time positions. Vacancies are effective August 1/90.

Alumni Affairs Coordinator will facilitate support and enthusiasm for the university through personal contact with alumni; will edit the alumni publication; and will assist the Stewardship Department through regular contact with the constituency.

Career and Placement Coordinator will take responsibility for programs of academic support,

counseling and placement, and advising/retention.

Admissions Counsellor will initiate and maintain contact with prospective students and their parents to inform them about the university's programs, and encourage enrolment.

Interested individuals who have a bachelor's degree and the ability to communicate and relate with a variety of people are encouraged to apply for the above three positions.

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Library Technician will catalogue library materials and implement interlibrary loans automation as well as assist with special

projects. A diploma in Library Technology from a Community College is a prerequisite.

Library Clerk will co-ordinate operation of circulation desk, attend to library mail, and assist with acquisitions. Previous library experience an asset.

Secretary will perform word processing and related activities in varying departments. Applicants must have strong word processing skills.

Applications must be submitted to the Personnel Director at Redeemer College.

Brouwer Wins Scholarship

Eric Brouwer, a member of the class of '88, has received the Major James H. Rottray Memorial Scholarship in Science.

The \$1,000 award is granted annually to students in the 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of the BSc program at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Recipients of the Rottray Scholarship are selected on the basis of grades.

Eric is currently enrolled in his fourth year of the program and will graduate from Queen's this spring.

Yearbooks! Yearbooks!

Last November, the editors of this year's *Anno Domini* took inventory and discovered some back issues of the College yearbook. If you would like to receive a copy to complete your collection please write:

Ramona Hartholt or Tety Nieuwhof, Anno Domini c/o Redeemer College Ancaster, ON L9G 3N6.

Please specify which issue(s) you would like (eg 1982-83) and enclose \$2.00 per issue to cover shipping costs.

The Personal Touch

Angela Boers (VanLuyk) '86 and her husband Casey were blessed with the birth of a baby boy, Jason Francis, born on December 23rd.

Jack Kerkhof '86 graduated from Calvin Theological Seminary last spring and accepted a call to Burlington (New Street) Christian Reformed Church. Jack's new address is: 3416 New St. Burlington, ON L7N 1N3

Gerard Kuntz '86 and wife Jane were blessed with Caleb, their first child this past summer. Their new address is: 57-1169 Upper Wellington, Hamilton, ON L9A 5A6.

John and Audrey Luth '86 were blessed with the birth of a healthy boy Andrew, in September, 1989. Their address

for the academic year is 1501 Philadelphia SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507.

Grace Pot (Sikma) '89, wrote to tell us that she and her husband Jim '87 have both returned to studying after spending a summer in P.E.I. Grace is at Calvin College and Jim is studying at the Seminary.

Lenni Steilinga (Vreugdenhil) '88 married Paul Steilinga in July, 1989. They have since moved to Ottawa where Lenni is completing her teacher certification.

Dianne Schelhaas (Wiersma) '88 married Theo Schelhaas this past August. Dianne currently teaches grade one at Timothy Christian School in Rexdale. Their address is: 2020 Wilson Ave. Weston, ON M9M 1B3.

News of Interest

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